

In the Description

Kindly make the following changes to the Description:

Replace paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

[0001] This case is related to U.S. Patent Applications S.N. **10/807,017** [[_____]]] (~~Atty. Dkt. No. 115-001~~), S.N. **10/807,047** [[_____]]] (~~Atty. Dkt. No. 115-002~~), S.N. **10/806,531** [[_____]]] (~~Atty. Dkt. No. 115-003~~), and S.N. **10/887,348** [[_____]]] (~~Atty. Dkt. No. 115-005~~), all of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Replace paragraph [0042] with the following paragraph:

[0042] The ability to perform skin-interaction techniques provides a more realistic simulation of vascular-access procedures. In some embodiments, this ability is provided in conjunction with palpation module **222** and skin-stretch module **224**. These modules, and illustrative embodiments thereof, are described in further detail applicant's co-pending U.S. Patent Application S.N. **10/807,017** [[_____]]] (~~Atty. Dkt. 115-001~~).

Replace paragraph [0065] with the following paragraph:

[0065] FIG. 8 depicts simulator **100**, which comprises data processing system **104** (including processor **106**, monitor **108**, keyboard **110**, mouse **112**) and haptics device **102** (including housing **216** and the internal functional modules and end effector **218**). As depicted in FIG. 8, haptics device **102** and monitor **108** are inline with a user's forward-looking field of view. This is desirable since a user looks to the monitor to view the visual portion of the simulation. (See, e.g., applicant's co-pending U.S. Patent Application S.N. **10/887,348** [[_____]]] (~~Atty. Dkt. 115-005~~). To the extent that the user interfaces with haptics device **102** at a location that is not directly in front of monitor **108**, there is an inconsistency that does not promote a "suspension of disbelief" on the part of the user. To ensure that haptics device **102** does not obscure any portion of the screen, the functional modules are dimensioned and arranged so that the top of housing **216** advantageously has a height that is no more than about 5 inches, and more preferably has a height of about 4 inches or less.